UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) DATE: 12/11/64

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Enclosed are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Mrs. ELENA GARRO DE PAZ and her daughter, ELENA PAZ GARRO, first came to the attention of this office on 11/17/64 when they contacted Mr. PETER H. JACOBY, who is employed at the Office of the Regional Book Center in the Embassy. According to JACOBY, Mrs. PAZ' husband, OCTAVIO PAZ, had at one time been the Mexican Ambassador to India and had been known by JACOBY there.

Mrs. PAZ was initially interviewed on 11/17/64 by SA ROLF L. LARSON. At that time she claimed to have seen OSWALD at a party in the home of RUBEN DURAN, but was unable to specify the date. She declined to furnish her home address, but stated she could be contacted through Mexico City telephone number 40-20-57. When asked by SA LARSON as to why she had not come forward with the information sooner, she indicated that she had been afraid to do so. At that time she declined to furnish further information unless she could be assured that it would not be made public. She also stated she wanted to do some further research in an effort to fix the date of the party.

Mrs. PAZ and her daughter were interviewed in the Mexico City Office on 11/24/64 by Legat CLARK D. ANDERSON and SA RICHARD S. CLARK. The stories of both were inclined to be rambling and it was difficult to pin them down on details. From comments made during the course of the interview by Mrs. PAZ, it was obvious that she was rather familiar with at least

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some of the details of the Warren Commission Report, particularly those concerning OSWALD's activities while in Mexico City.

Mrs. PAZ and her daughter readily identified photographs of the members of the DURAN family and of EUSEBIO AZCUE. Photographs of OSWALD in different poses were exhibited to them along with photographs of several individuals completely unconnected with the OSWALD case. While they picked out some of the photographs of OSWALD as resembling the American, they saw at the party in the RUBEN DURAN home, they did not make a positive identification and it is to be noted it would have been quite easy to pick out the OSWALD photographs because of the numerous press photographs of him which appeared in Mexico City newspapers following the President's assassination.

Mrs. PAZ and her daughter appeared to be somewhat Bohemian. Mrs. PAZ, herself, while denying she was ever a Communist, stated that in former years she had taken an active part in promoting agrarian reform in the State of Morelos in order that poor peasants might be granted land. She mentioned the names of numerous Mexican liberals and leftists with whom she has been acquainted in the past.

As has been mentioned, Mrs. PAZ' conversation during the interview was quite rambling and the impression was gained by the interviewing agents that she might not be completely stable. Despite her request that her identity and that of her daughter be concealed, their names have been included in the letterhead memorandum since it is felt the memorandum would have no meaning if this were not done.

Interviews of ARIO ALEJANDRO LAVAGNINI STENIUS were conducted by SA RICHARD S. CLARK.

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At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

Will continue to report to the Bureau immediately all information received in instant case.

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No local dissemination was made of the LHM. Two extra copies of this letter have been attached for forwarding by the Bureau together with copies of the LHM to Dallas, domestic office of origin.